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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the slight increase in United States imports for consumption from \$1,246.3 million in April to \$1,253.1 million in May reflected gains in imports of crude foodstuffs, manufactured foodstuffs, and crude materials, which were largely offset by declines in imports of semimanufactures and finished manufactures. The May 1960 imports for consumption total was slightly higher than the May 1959 total of \$1,247.2 million.

The Bureau stated that the imports for consumption total for the first five months (January-May) of 1960, valued at \$6,316.6 million, was at a level about six percent higher than the \$5,971.7 million reported for the first five months of 1959.

Imports of crude foodstuffs rose from \$140.0 million in April to \$155.6 million in May as increases occurred in imports of coffee, from \$74.7 to \$82.3 million; fish and shellfish, from \$12.1 to \$16.4 million; and cocoa beans, from \$13.5 to \$16.7 million. An increase in imports of sugar, from \$48.3 to \$58.3 million, was the prime factor in the rise in imports of manufactured foodstuffs from \$138.9 to \$144.9 million. However, imports of meat products, also included in this economic class, fell from \$30.1 to 24.3 million.

Although imports of crude materials increased only slightly from \$255.1 million in April to \$256.3 million in May, sizable counterbalancing changes were reported in imports of some of the individual items included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these were: iron ore and concentrates, from \$21.5 to \$34.7 million; copper, from \$6.0 to \$10.1 million; uncut diamonds, from \$6.8 to \$9.7 million; crude petroleum, from \$76.8 to \$69.5 million; zinc, from \$7.0 to \$3.0 million; and crude rubber, from \$30.5 to \$27.1 million.

During the period, imports of semimanufactures fell from \$254.8 to \$243.3 million. Reflected in this change were decreases in imports of gas and fuel oil, from \$43.6 to \$33.7 million; and iron and steel semimanufactures, from \$23.1 to \$15.4 million, which were partly offset by an increase in imports of sawed lumber, from \$24.6 to \$29.9 million. The small decline in imports of finished manufactures from \$457.5 to \$453.0 million was due primarily to declines in imports of automobiles and parts, from \$71.9 to \$62.7 million and agricultural machinery and implements from \$16.4 to \$13.3 million being partly offset by increases in imports of newsprint, from \$54.6 to \$61.0 million and burlap, from \$6.5 to \$9.0 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

**COVERAGE:** Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped intransit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

**VALUATION:** Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

**EFFECT OF SAMPLING:** Formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
MAY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures.)

Economic class and commodity	May 1960	April 1960	May 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Total.....value..	1,253.1	1,246.3	1,247.2	1,248.9	1,061.6
Free.....value..	509.2	471.9	489.4	485.2	445.1
Dutiable.....value..	743.9	774.4	757.8	763.8	616.5
Crude materials.....value..	256.3	255.1	246.4	257.7	230.0
Hides and skins.....value..	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.3	4.5
Undressed furs.....value..	5.7	8.6	7.0	8.0	6.7
Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb..	72	82	102	108	89
value..	27.1	30.5	28.6	32.1	20.9
Copra.....1,000 lb..	69,922	66,107	66,217	58,808	50,102
value..	6.6	6.4	6.9	5.7	4.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	13,062	12,734	13,306	12,640	11,543
value..	9.8	9.2	9.9	9.3	8.7
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	6,773	8,846	9,978	12,760	12,190
value..	0.5	0.6	0.7	2.1	2.5
Jute and jute butts.....long tons..	5,835	6,164	6,630	5,740	3,121
value..	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.0	0.7
Sisal and henequen.....long tons..	6,050	5,660	10,262	10,432	9,767
value..	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.3
Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	14	16	24	21	13
clean content <sup>1</sup> ..	11	12	18	16	10
value..	7.9	9.0	11.3	10.3	6.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	7	10	16	13	9
clean content <sup>1</sup> ..	5	7	11	9	6
value..	5.9	8.2	9.7	8.4	7.1
Pulpwood.....1,000 cords..	74	64	75	104	114
value..	1.3	1.1	1.3	2.2	2.4
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	31,291	34,501	29,386	31,841	31,976
value..	69.5	76.8	64.9	72.2	78.3
Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats..	110	94	91	133	94
value..	9.7	6.8	4.8	7.9	6.0
Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats..	521	600	980	1,089	839
value..	2.7	3.4	5.1	5.2	3.3
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	3,717	2,334	3,327	2,969	2,296
value..	34.7	21.5	30.0	26.0	19.3
Ferroalloying ores.....value..	10.1	10.0	12.9	11.0	11.4
Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb..	35,103	20,311	11,371	6,700	16,884
value..	10.1	6.0	3.4	1.9	3.8
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	41,435	22,942	7,183	22,861	39,772
value..	4.4	2.4	0.8	2.3	4.3
Tin (tin content).....long tons..	1,267	766	37	898	455
value..	2.8	1.7	0.1	1.9	0.9
Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb..	62,128	122,323	92,777	74,855	90,091
value..	3.0	7.0	3.7	3.3	4.3
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value..	8.4	7.6	6.5	6.5	6.2
All other crude materials.....value..	26.3	28.4	28.3	31.4	26.9
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	155.6	140.0	161.1	151.9	161.4
Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb..	49,223	35,890	40,973	45,752	39,847
value..	16.4	12.1	14.3	13.5	12.2
Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands..	76	79	95	57	94
value..	6.9	6.9	12.1	6.8	10.8
Grains.....value..	2.7	1.9	1.7	3.2	4.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value..	3.5	5.6	2.3	3.5	3.8
Bananas.....1,000 bunches..	5,537	5,314	4,324	4,518	4,064
value..	7.8	7.8	6.6	6.5	5.8
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	68	51	47	40	37
value..	16.7	13.5	16.5	13.7	14.4
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	240	217	243	255	222
value..	82.3	74.7	91.1	91.1	97.5
Tea.....1,000 lb..	10,588	9,536	10,071	9,140	8,618
value..	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.0
Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb..	2,364	5,890	3,469	2,914	2,889
value..	1.4	3.3	0.8	0.7	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	12.6	9.7	11.1	8.7	8.1

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
MAY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	May 1960	April 1960	May 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	144.9	138.9	141.9	133.2	123.3
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	57,313	71,038	84,392	81,209	70,817
value..	24.3	30.1	32.8	32.8	27.9
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	4,670	4,738	4,268	5,322	4,645
value..	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.6	2.3
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	32,485	39,981	41,529	43,453	39,886
value..	9.5	10.5	11.5	12.3	11.0
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	1,089	922	955	756	772
value..	58.3	48.3	51.5	41.3	43.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	60,560	64,484	30,576	24,205	28,698
value..	5.7	5.4	4.3	3.0	3.7
Whisky.....value..	14.7	13.4	13.8	14.8	13.2
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	29.0	27.3	24.3	24.8	22.2
Semimanufactures.....value..	243.3	254.8	261.3	275.4	220.2
Leather.....value..	3.3	2.9	4.2	4.0	2.6
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	324	251	309	303	200
value..	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	3.8	5.2	5.5	4.7	4.1
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	3,085	5,923	7,771	9,285	9,300
value..	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.7
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	5.6	5.5	6.8	5.2	3.7
Sawn boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	408	306	357	339	283
value..	29.9	24.6	29.4	28.1	21.8
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	193	185	193	203	175
value..	25.1	23.5	26.0	26.2	23.1
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	16,313	20,574	14,346	19,833	17,503
value..	33.7	43.6	30.4	42.1	41.5
Asbestos.....long tons..	45,226	43,219	52,972	48,928	43,706
value..	4.4	4.5	5.3	4.6	4.0
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	75	56	60	77	60
value..	7.6	5.6	6.6	7.2	5.7
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	15.4	23.1	22.8	23.2	7.5
Aluminum.....value..	7.9	6.3	13.3	12.6	11.8
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	77	66	44	62	56
value..	23.3	20.6	13.3	18.6	13.7
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	30,613	40,679	76,536	46,556	61,159
value..	4.4	5.5	9.0	6.2	6.6
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	11,391	14,987	19,825	19,370	15,448
value..	8.1	10.3	12.7	12.3	10.2
Tin.....1,000 lb..	7,297	8,324	8,950	8,744	8,275
value..	7.0	7.5	9.1	8.6	7.5
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	13,761	16,312	34,903	27,583	31,111
value..	1.7	2.0	3.5	2.8	3.0
Coal-tar products.....value..	4.8	3.0	3.9	4.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	8.0	9.4	8.0	7.8	6.0
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	156	178	128	158	128
value..	6.4	7.5	5.1	5.2	4.9
All other semimanufactures.....value..	41.6	43.0	45.4	49.4	37.4
Finished manufactures.....value..	453.0	457.5	436.5	430.7	324.8
Leather manufactures.....value..	6.7	7.5	5.2	7.0	5.1
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.3
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	35,877	45,824	16,370	20,031	11,750
value..	6.5	7.6	3.8	4.3	3.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	13.8	15.7	14.0	12.5	9.3
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	92,716	64,254	89,761	80,623	70,910
1,000 lb..	53,000	39,381	52,628	49,485	40,641
value..	9.0	6.5	8.1	7.6	6.3
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.4	2.8	2.0	2.6	2.3
Wool manufactures.....value..	13.2	14.2	18.4	14.3	10.9
Silk manufactures.....value..	4.8	5.4	4.8	6.1	4.8
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	215	187	219	178	178
value..	2.0	1.8	2.2	1.8	1.6
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	481	432	477	437	407
value..	61.0	54.6	60.2	55.5	51.2
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	5.0
Pottery.....value..	5.3	5.6	4.1	4.8	3.9

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES  
MAY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	May 1960	April 1960	May 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	27.5	28.9	27.1	28.8	13.4
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	9.9	11.0	9.6	9.3	6.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	13.3	16.4	16.5	14.1	10.2
Automobiles and parts.....value..	62.7	71.9	78.7	70.3	46.0
Other machinery.....value..	47.4	44.6	36.1	40.0	28.8
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	12.0	10.5	11.8	10.2	10.5
Photographic goods.....value..	4.6	4.3	3.8	4.2	3.4
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.1	2.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.6
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	5.7	5.5	4.6	4.9	3.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.7	3.9
American goods returned.....value..	18.5	20.2	20.2	19.5	16.6
All other finished manufactures <sup>2</sup> .....value..	98.2	94.3	79.5	84.8	65.1
Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments <sup>2</sup> .....value..	10.8	10.4	9.2	10.2	8.3

\*Indicates less than \$50,000.

<sup>1</sup>Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.

<sup>2</sup>For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.

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